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ECONOMIC CONDITIONS IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

A REPORT BY THE NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY PREPARED IN COORDINATION WITH THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS

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SUMMARY: Total unemployment increased by 330 from mid-October to mid-November. The latest total of 13,970 unemployed represents 2.5 percent of the total civilian labor force of 559,220. A year ago there were 17,100 unemployed and the rate was 3.1 percent. Nationally the rates were 6.6 percent in November and October, and 6.7 percent a year ago. The latest unemployment data available by state (October 1986) indicates that New Hampshire has had the lowest unemployment rate of any state for fifteen consecutive months. Seven areas posted higher unemployment levels while four areas had lower unemployment levels from mid-October to mid-November. Due to manufacturing job losses, the Claremont area recorded the largest unemployment increase as 300 workers lost their jobs. The largest unemployment decrease occurred in the Nashua area with 260 fewer workers unemployed. Seasonal layoffs in trade, services and construction resulted in higher unemployment levels in the Berlin, Littleton, and Laconia areas. Unemployment rates ranged from a low of 1.6 percent in the Concord area to a high of 4.7 percent in the Salem area. Six areas recorded lower rates than the State's 2.5 percent rate. Compared to the year ago levels, all areas except the Claremont area recorded lower unemployment levels.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment decreased by 3,050 workers from October, but is up 11,700 from the year ago level. While nonmanufacturing gained 15,450 jobs during the year, manufacturing lost 3,750. Electrical products lost 900, machinery 850, and fabricated metals 550. In nonmanufacturing, services gained 5,850, trade 3,600, finance, insurance and real estate 2,650, and construction 2,200 jobs.

MANCHESTER ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 190 from October as the unemployment rate dropped from 2.0 to 1.7 percent. A year ago the rate was 2.6 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased by 350 from October and by 1,050 from a year ago. Nonmanufacturing gained 2,200 jobs during the year while manufacturing lost 1,050. While machinery and electrical products is down 750 jobs in the manufacturing division, services is up 750 and construction 650 in nonmanufacturing.

NASHUA ECONOMIC CONDITIONS: Total unemployment decreased by 260 from October as the rate dropped from 2.7 to 2.4 percent. A year ago the rate was 3.3 percent. Nonagricultural wage and salary employment increased only slightly from October, but is up 1,400 from a year ago. Manufacturing lost 200 jobs during the year while nonmanufacturing gained 1,600. Machinery and electrical products is down 400 workers in the manufacturing division, while in nonmanufacturing trade is up 600, services 250, and construction 200.

New Hampshire Labor Force, Total Employment and Unemployment and Nonagricultural
Wage and Salary Employment as of the Middle of the Month

Industry	State					Manchester MSA					Nashua PMSA				
	Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous		Number of Workers			Numerical Change From Previous	
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Month	Year	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Month	Year	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Month	Year
1. Civilian labor force*	559,220	562,750	552,390	-3,530	6,830	81,720	81,130	83,730	590	-2,010	89,960	89,450	90,890	510	-930
2. Unemployment	13,970	13,640	17,100	330	-3,130	1,410	1,600	2,010	-190	- 600	2,160	2,420	2,990	-260	-830
Percent of labor force	2.5	2.4	3.1	xxx	xxx	1.7	2.0	2.6	xxx	xxx	2.4	2.7	3.3	xxx	xxx
3. Employment total	544,900	548,760	535,290	-3,860	9,610	80,310	80,530	81,720	780	-1,410	87,800	87,030	87,900	770	-100
4. Persons involved in labor disputes	350	350	0	0	350	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nonagri. wage & salary**	492,100	495,150	480,400	-3,050	11,700	82,400	82,050	81,350	350	1,050	85,750	85,700	84,350	50	1,400
Manufacturing	119,150	119,700	122,900	- 550	-3,750	14,200	14,250	15,350	- 50	-1,150	36,150	36,450	36,350	-300	-200
Durable goods	81,550	82,200	83,600	- 650	-2,050	8,500	8,550	9,250	- 50	- 750	29,850	30,100	30,300	-250	-450
Lumber & wood prods.	5,750	5,800	5,800	- 50	- 50										
Furniture & fixtures	1,650	1,700	1,700	- 50	- 50										
Stone & clay prods.	3,050	3,100	3,100	- 50	- 50										
Primary metal prods.	*4,400	*4,350	4,250	50	150										
Fabricated metal prods.	6,650	6,800	7,200	- 150	- 550										
Machinery (exc. elec.)	24,950	25,150	25,800	- 200	- 850	4,800	4,900	5,550	-100	- 750	22,550	22,750	22,950	-200	-400
Electrical prods.	23,600	23,850	24,500	- 250	- 900										
Miscellaneous prods.	2,150	2,100	2,300	50	- 150										
Other durables	9,350	9,350	8,950	0	400	3,700	3,650	3,700	50	0	7,300	7,350	7,350	- 50	- 50
Nondurable goods	37,600	37,500	39,300	100	-1,700	5,700	5,700	6,100	0	- 400	6,300	6,350	6,050	- 50	250
Food & kindred prods.	3,400	3,400	3,100	0	300										
Textile mill prods.	3,650	3,700	3,700	- 50	- 50	1,500	1,450	1,550	50	- 50					
Apparel	2,400	2,400	2,500	0	- 100										
Paper & allied prods.	5,300	5,400	5,550	- 100	- 250										
Print., pub. & allied	7,350	7,300	7,300	50	50										
Leather & lea. prods.	5,300	5,150	6,100	150	- 800										
Other nondurables	10,200	10,150	11,050	50	- 850	4,200	4,250	4,550	- 50	- 350					
Nonmanufacturing	372,950	375,450	357,500	-2,500	-15,450	68,200	67,800	66,000	400	2,200	49,600	49,250	48,000	350	1,600
Construction (inc. min.)	38,000	39,050	35,800	-1,050	2,200	6,000	6,100	5,350	-100	650	4,200	4,150	4,000	50	200
Trans., comm. & util.	16,100	16,100	15,800	0	300	5,050	5,000	4,900	50	150	2,200	2,150	2,200	50	0
Trade	121,850	121,150	118,250	700	3,600	21,600	21,400	21,700	200	- 100	18,600	18,300	18,000	300	600
Fin., ins. & real estate	28,350	28,300	25,700	50	2,650	7,800	7,800	7,150	0	650	2,750	2,750	2,700	0	50
Service industry & other	106,350	108,800	100,500	-2,450	5,850	19,950	19,800	19,200	150	750	15,450	15,600	15,200	-150	250
Government	62,300	62,050	61,450	250	850	7,800	7,700	7,700	100	100	6,400	6,300	5,900	100	500
Federal	8,200	8,250	7,800	- 50	400	2,450	2,450	2,300	0	150	800	800	750	0	50
State	16,400	16,400	17,100	0	- 700	750	800	800	- 50	- 50	250	250	250	0	0
Local	37,700	37,400	36,550	300	1,150	4,600	4,450	4,600	150	0	5,350	5,250	4,900	100	450

Machinery And Electrical Products Combined

* By place of residence
** By place of establishment
Benchmark

Labor Disputes:
* October & November 1986 - Industry
33-350 Workers on Strike Not Included.

TOTAL UNEMPLOYMENT AND LABOR FORCE BY AREA AND COUNTY

Area	Unemployment*						Numerical Change From Previous		Civilian Labor Force			Numerical Change From Previous	
	November 1986		October 1986		November 1985								
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Month	Year	November 1986	October 1986	November 1985	Month	Year
UNITED STATES**	7,872	6.6	7,842	6.6	7,815	6.7	30	57	118,623	118,699	116,097	-76	2,526
NEW HAMPSHIRE	13,970	2.5	13,640	2.4	17,100	3.1	330	-3,130	559,220	562,750	552,390	-3,530	6,830
BERLIN LMA	920	3.7	690	2.6	1,040	4.3	230	-120	24,970	26,080	24,080	-1,110	890
CLAREMONT LMA	1,010	2.6	710	1.8	770	2.1	300	240	39,550	39,460	37,330	90	2,220
CONCORD LMA	820	1.6	790	1.5	1,080	2.2	30	-260	51,310	51,510	50,020	- 200	1,290
KEENE LMA	840	2.0	700	1.7	940	2.3	140	-100	41,830	41,850	40,990	- 20	840
LACONIA LMA	930	1.9	750	1.5	1,090	2.2	180	-160	50,030	51,370	48,950	-1,340	1,080
LITTLETON LMA	580	3.5	420	2.4	850	5.3	160	-270	16,540	17,820	16,110	-1,280	430
MANCHESTER MSA	1,410	1.7	1,600	2.0	2,010	2.6	-190	-600	81,720	81,130	83,730	590	-2,010
NASHUA PMSA	2,160	2.4	2,420	2.7	2,990	3.3	-260	-830	89,960	89,450	90,890	510	- 930
N.H. PORTION LAWRENCE-HAVERHILL MA. PMSA***	2,020	4.7	1,940	4.6	2,410	5.6	80	-390	43,100	42,570	43,290	530	- 190
PORTSMOUTH-DOVER-ROCHESTER N.H.-ME.	2,940	2.3	3,190	2.5	3,460	2.8	-250	-520	126,530	128,130	123,680	-1,600	2,850
UNATTACHED ESTIMATING AREA****	530	3.0	570	3.2	630	3.8	- 40	-100	17,470	17,550	16,690	- 80	780
N.H. PORTION LOWELL MA. PMSA	190	4.0	190	4.0	230	4.9	0	- 40	4,750	4,720	4,710	30	40
County													
BELKNAP	480	1.9	400	1.5	570	2.3	80	- 90	25,640	26,300	25,080	- 660	560
CARROLL	330	1.9	250	1.4	370	2.2	80	- 40	17,040	17,650	16,490	- 610	550
CHESHIRE	790	2.1	650	1.7	860	2.3	140	- 70	37,450	37,460	36,680	- 10	770
COOS	920	4.4	710	3.3	1,080	5.4	210	-160	20,710	21,740	20,040	-1,030	670
GRAFTON	830	2.2	640	1.6	1,110	3.0	190	-280	38,150	39,420	36,860	-1,270	1,290
HILLSBOROUGH	3,670	2.1	4,080	2.4	5,150	3.0	-410	-1,480	172,230	171,300	174,380	930	-2,150
MERRIMACK	960	1.6	940	1.5	1,240	2.1	20	- 280	60,470	60,840	59,250	- 370	1,220
ROCKINGHAM	3,700	3.3	3,760	3.4	4,550	4.1	- 60	- 850	111,110	111,060	110,020	50	1,090
STRAFFORD	1,530	2.7	1,740	3.1	1,710	3.2	-210	- 180	55,740	56,480	54,240	- 740	1,500
SULLIVAN	760	3.7	470	2.3	460	2.4	290	300	20,680	20,500	19,350	180	1,330

* Based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics "43 Step Method" handbook adjusted to the Current Population Survey (CPS) estimates.

** In thousands, not seasonally adjusted.

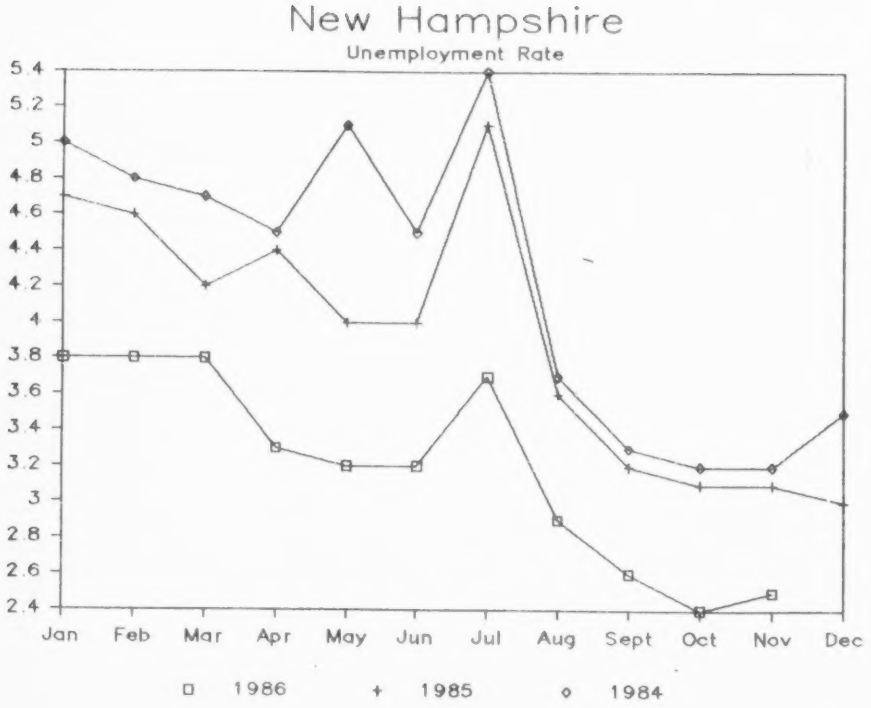
*** New Hampshire Portion of the Lawrence-Haverhill, Massachusetts Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area which includes Salem and twelve small towns.

**** Includes twenty towns previously in either Dover, Portsmouth, Manchester or Nashua LMAS.

AREA DEFINITIONS

Manchester MSA includes the city of Manchester and towns of Allenstown, Auburn, Bedford, Candia, Goffstown, Hooksett.

Nashua PMSA is located in the southern section of Hillsborough County and includes the City of Nashua and the towns of Amherst, Brookline, Greenville, Hollis, Litchfield, Londonderry, Merrimack, Milford, Mont Vernon, and Wilton.



U. S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Item	1986	1985	1984	1983
Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers				
Current month -	325.4			
Percent change from year ago	0.9			
Year average		318.5	307.6	297.4
Percent increase each year		3.5	3.4	3.0
All Urban Consumers				
Current month -	330.8			
Percent change from year ago	1.3			
Year average		322.2	311.1	298.4
Percent increase each year		3.6	4.3	3.2

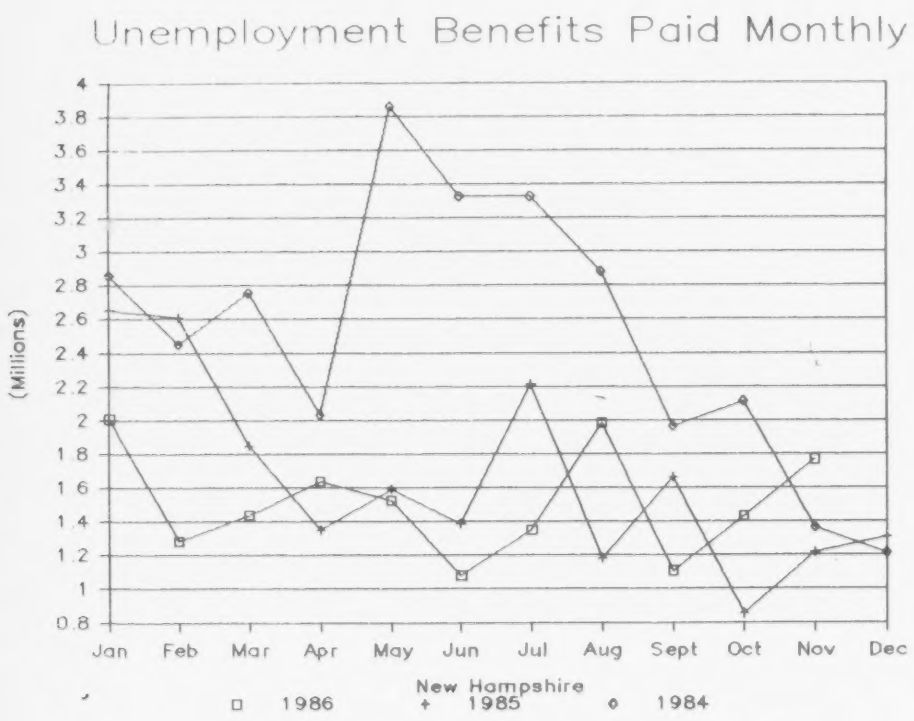
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE
THE FIFTEEN SPECIFIC OCCUPATIONS
EMPLOYING THE LARGEST NUMBER OF WORKERS
IN 1985

RANK	OES CODE	OCCUPATIONAL TITLE	EMPLOYMENT	PERCENT OF TOTAL
1	49011	Salespersons, Retail	13,967	12.2
2	49023	Cashiers	10,895	9.5
3	65008	Waiters and Waitresses	10,307	9.0
4	49021	Stock Clerks, Sales Floor	8,906	7.8
5	19005	General Managers and Top Executives	6,320	5.5
6	65041	Combined Food Preparation and Service Workers	3,074	2.7
7	55338	Bookkeeping, Accounting and Auditing Clerks	2,783	2.4
8	65038	Food Preparation Workers	2,457	2.1
9	49008	Sales Representatives, Except Scientific & Related Products	2,345	2.0
10	55347	General Office Clerks	2,228	2.0
11	65026	Cooks, Restaurant	2,137	1.9
12	65017	Counter Attendants-Lunchroom, Coffee Shop, or Cafeteria	2,119	1.9
13	65032	Cooks, Specialty Fast Food	2,033	1.8
14	41002	First Line Supervisors and Manager/ Supervisors-Sales and Related Occupations	1,960	1.7
15	85302	Automotive Mechanics	1,911	1.7

Weekly Claims Filed During November
Classified by Local Office

Area	Unemployment Compensation		U.C. State Workers (Only)		UC Local Government		Servicemen UCX (Only)		U.C. Federal Employees No UI	
	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.	Int.	Cont.	Init.	Cont.
All Offices	2,619	10,261	21	146	9	10	24	40	23	25
Berlin	179	725	1	6	0	2	0	0	0	2
Claremont	309	680	0	3	1	0	2	0	0	0
Concord	120	368	11	108	1	2	0	0	2	0
Conway	51	146	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Dover	322	1,539	0	3	1	0	3	16	6	10
Keene	169	481	0	6	0	0	1	1	1	0
Laconia	189	459	1	2	1	0	3	8	0	0
Lebanon	55	185	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Littleton	116	492	7	14	0	0	1	1	2	1
Manchester	308	1,112	0	4	1	0	3	3	2	2
Nashua	210	779	0	0	2	4	2	0	1	0
Portsmouth	268	1,595	1	0	1	0	6	8	4	7
Salem	104	348	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Liable Interstate	219	1,352	0	0	0	1	0	2	5	3

The average payment for a week of total unemployment was $119.85



Unemployment Compensation Fund Balance End of Month

$139,941,273.94

Net contributions received during month:

$ 1,300,538.51

Net benefits paid during month:

$ 1,766,719.76

Interest Received:

3,208,437.82

AVERAGE EARNINGS AND HOURS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

New Hampshire

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
All manufacturing	$375.06	$364.21	$353.87	42.0	41.2	41.1	$ 8.93	$8.84	$8.61
Durable goods	388.74	376.33	367.22	42.3	41.4	41.4	9.19	9.09	8.87
Lumber & wood prods.	292.03	288.55	256.58	40.9	40.3	38.7	7.14	7.16	6.63
Furniture & fixtures	302.33	276.05	272.74	41.7	38.5	39.3	7.25	7.17	6.94
Stone & clay prods.	359.54	353.22	344.03	42.2	41.9	41.4	8.52	8.43	8.31
Primary metal prods.	432.35	419.64	415.53	45.8	44.5	44.3	9.44	9.43	9.38
Fab. metal prods.	345.42	347.69	341.54	38.0	39.6	41.1	9.09	8.78	8.31
Mach. (exc. elec.)	423.31	404.92	401.65	44.7	43.4	43.8	9.47	9.33	9.17
Electrical prods.	413.97	400.66	388.73	41.9	40.8	40.2	9.88	9.82	9.67
Miscellaneous prods.	290.97	281.97	253.88	40.3	39.0	37.5	7.22	7.23	6.77
Other durables	387.58	374.95	378.07	41.9	40.8	41.5	9.25	9.19	9.11
Nondurable goods	347.33	340.27	329.27	41.3	40.8	40.6	8.41	8.34	8.11
Food & kindred prods.	447.69	377.74	407.88	42.8	40.4	41.2	10.46	9.35	9.90
Textile mill prods.	308.84	320.14	287.34	41.4	42.8	40.7	7.46	7.48	7.06
Apparel	237.70	233.46	211.48	38.4	37.9	36.4	6.19	6.16	5.81
Paper & allied prods.	495.23	484.37	459.36	48.6	48.1	47.8	10.19	10.07	9.61
Print., pub. & allied	362.00	357.88	339.72	40.0	38.9	38.3	9.05	9.20	8.87
Leather & lea. prods.	215.97	209.07	204.98	37.3	35.8	37.0	5.79	5.84	5.54
Footwear	203.69	195.71	194.71	36.9	35.2	36.6	5.52	5.56	5.32
Other nondurables	360.14	359.77	364.46	41.3	41.4	41.7	8.72	8.69	8.74

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 52%

Total Production Workers: 82,150

Firms Reporting: 345

Manchester MSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
All manufacturing	$367.22	$368.63	$342.19	41.4	41.7	40.4	$8.87	$8.84	$8.47
Durable goods	384.46	383.26	359.50	40.3	40.6	39.9	9.54	9.44	9.01
Mach. & elec. prods.	400.37	388.86	370.37	42.1	41.5	40.7	9.51	9.37	9.10
Other durables	365.57	375.88	345.82	38.2	39.4	38.9	9.57	9.54	8.89
Nondurable goods	341.78	346.33	316.42	43.1	43.4	41.2	7.93	7.98	7.68
Textiles & apparel	318.56	332.55	273.34	43.4	45.0	39.5	7.34	7.39	6.92
Other nondurables	350.45	351.39	330.64	43.0	42.8	41.8	8.15	8.21	7.91

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 53%

Total Production Workers: 5,681

Firms Reporting: 43

Nashua PMSA

Industry	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985	Nov. 1986	Oct. 1986	Nov. 1985
All manufacturing	$441.42	$424.27	$423.54	42.0	40.6	41.2	$10.51	$10.45	$10.26
Durable goods	445.42	432.07	429.51	42.1	40.8	41.7	10.58	10.59	10.30
Mach. & elec. prods.	473.41	452.53	464.92	41.6	39.8	41.4	11.38	11.37	11.23
Other durables	382.77	391.68	348.93	43.3	42.9	42.5	8.84	9.13	8.21
Nondurable goods	422.89	392.03	394.60	41.5	39.8	38.8	10.19	9.85	10.17

Sample Percent of Production Workers: 60%

Total Production Workers: 20,890

Firms Reporting: 73

Number of Active Applicants and Female Applicants by Major Occupational Category
Period Ending November 1986

	NEW HAMPSHIRE		MANCHESTER		NASHUA	
	Total	Female	Total	Female	Total	Female
TOTAL	8,697	3,920	1,161	583	664	271
Managerial (00,19)	1,450	492	139	52	191	53
Clerical (20-24)	1,616	1,354	211	179	138	107
Sales (25-29)	445	209	77	35	33	11
Services (3)	1,361	883	200	136	55	25
Farm (4)	93	18	9	2	6	1
Processing (5)	148	49	24	8	12	2
Machine Trade (6)	767	162	72	27	44	9
Benchwork (7)	722	484	125	91	62	40
Structural (8)	1,330	83	169	15	71	7
Miscellaneous (9)	741	176	133	37	47	10
Unclassified	24	10	2	1	5	6

Employment Service Activity

ITEM	November 1986	October 1986	July 1, 1986 to November 30, 1986
Total applicants for employment	2,035	2,447	13,596
Total nonagricultural job openings received	1,361	2,621	12,478
Job openings unfilled end of month	1,708	2,590	xxx
Placements - nonagricultural & agricultural	770	1,091	5,429